



KENTUCKY REGISTERED SANITARIAN **EXAMINING COMMITTEE**

MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 24-25 MEETING BLUE LICKS STATE PARK

The meeting of the Registered Sanitarian Examining Committee was called to order by Chair Kathy Fowler. Those in attendance were:

Kathy Fowler, chair

Ed Cecil

Roy Foushee

Vicki Smith, Executive Secretary

Guy Delius, Cabinet's Representative, Secretary

Guy Delius distributed the July 2002 minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes with changes.

Ed Cecil

Roy Foushee, Seconded

In Favor 3 Not In Favor 0

Ed Cecil reported his findings that nursing exams are given by the Sylvan Center.

Kathy Fowler stated she will check with these centers to inquire about the cost and issues regarding this center providing the R.S. test.

The Committee agreed to investigate other possible means of offering the R.S. exam to applicants.

Kathy Fowler informed the Committee that the honorarium budgeted for a speaker at the Kentucky Retail Food Seminar was not allocated, due to the speaker not being able to attend the conference.

The Committee discussed acquiring assistance for the R.S. administrative staff. R.S. administrative duties continue to increase with more sanitarians and more issues at the same time administrative staff have less time to dedicate to R.S. endeavors.

The Committee agreed to investigate means of providing assistance to administrative staff.

Vicki Smith stated she historically spends about 50% of her time on R.S. related duties.

Guy agreed to check to see if some R.S. duties may be added to the position description of a possible new clerical position in the Division office.

The Committee discussed the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) and the Bill, which requires entities, such as R.S. not to issue professional credentials to persons who have defaulted on student loans. Guy agreed to draft a general letter to Registered Sanitarians to inform them ahead of time of the new requirements.



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Motion to mail out an informational memo to Registered Sanitarians informing them of the new KHEAA requirements.

Roy Foushee

Ed Cecil, Seconded.

In Favor 3 Not In Favor 0

The Committee Discussed developing a new form for new Sanitarians to sign when they take the exam, affirming they have not defaulted on a KHEAA Student Loan.

The Committee discussed an exam question.

The Committee discussed the recent regional health conferences. The Committee was informed that some individuals were minutes late to the meetings, and were unable to attend to receive contact hours for the meetings.

Motion to approve applicable environmental staff appropriate contact hours for time spent at the regional conferences, but were unable to sign the official contact hour sheet.

Roy Foushee

Ed Cecil, Seconded.

In Favor 3 Not In Favor 0

New Business

Ballots were sent out to members in Region B (Central Region), to vote for the expired term of the Region B Director. Kathy Fowler currently holds the Region B Director position, and was re-elected by majority vote of Region B Sanitarians to that position.

The term for the Region C (Eastern Region) Director has expired. The Committee will send out ballots to members in Region C to vote on a Director in that region. Currently, Paul Prater holds the Region C Director position.

The Committee discussed revising and sending out the R.S. Training Award Criteria to members. This prestigious award is given to a deserving Sanitarian who has been instrumental in developing and providing professional public/environmental health training. Guy Delius agreed to prepare this document for mailing.

Vicki Smith provided the Committee with the R.S. expense report.

Motion to accept the expense report as provided.

Ed Cecil

Roy Foushee, Seconded

In Favor 3 Not In Favor 0

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The Committee discussed Three (3) individuals who will have their registration suspended due to non-payment of registration dues.

The Committee discussed upgrading Vicki Smith's computer equipment to facilitate a quicker and easier tracking system for contact hours.

Motion to explore purchasing new equipment for the Executive Secretary.

Roy Foushee

Ed Cecil, Seconded

In Favor 3 Not In Favor 0

Guy Delius discussed the increase number of calls the Division of Public Health Protection and Safety and Local Health Departments are receiving on "Mold" and indoor air quality. Guy stated the general public is becoming increasingly aware of the dangers of mold growth in homes, schools and public places, but has no agency to get factual and pertinent information. Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet has an indoor air program but does not address Molds. Federal programs address Molds, but are hard to access by public. DPH-LHD's do not have direct regulatory oversight, but we are whom the public calls and contacts.

Guy stated we have developed a ***Flood Recovery: Mold In Your Home*** document, which was provided to all LHD, but additional information is needed.

Guy asked if the R.S. Committee would like to take a lead role in developing a training and educational package regarding mold in homes.

Roy Foushee stated Lexington Fayette County has received some federal money to initiate a mold education program.

The Committee took no action at this time.

Day 2 Call to Order

The Committee discussed new applicants who have taken and completed the exam:

Barry Poling

Adam Clark

Trenton Penn

Joseph Shrewsberry

Michael Brett Heuser

Motion to accept the new Registered Sanitarians/Environmental Health Specialists

Roy Foushee

Ed Cecil, Second

In Favor 3 Not In Favor 0

The Committee discussed requests by the following Sanitarians for Inactive status:

Lester Centers

Lanny Skees

Clay Hardwick

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Motion to approve the individuals for Inactive Status.

Roy Foushee

Ed Cecil, Seconded

In Favor 3 Not In Favor 0

Guy Delius discussed the request from the Labor Cabinet to help them inform retail food establishments of changes to child labor laws which may relate to persons working in the food industry. Guy stated the Labor Cabinet provided the copied letters, which the Division mailed to each health department to include in the 2003 permit renewal notices.

Next meeting date:

January 9-10, 2003 at General Butler State Park

Motion to adjourn.